# THE Founder FIRE

"Fire that's closest kept burns most of all."

NEWS AND VIEWS OF THE FOUNDER FELLOWSHIP

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## E A S T E R

So easily we busy our lives and train our sights only on the immediate and the transient. And so easily we lose sight of the underlying Truth that gives to life its purpose, its direction and its goals. The Easter season brings two reminders of that Truth and calls us to live in its light.

1. Death is a part of life, not only at its end, but at its every turning. Life knows many deaths, not just one. The parting from a friend, the moving from a home, the knowledge of suffering or pain or sorrow, the leaving of a job, enslavement to a habit, the facing of a failure, the loss of self-respect, and most painful of all, despair, the loss of the sense of purpose - these and countless other painful experiences are of the order of death and are a part of our human living. These deaths are ours to die - now empty if only endured, but how filled with possibility for good if used to enhance the living. The cross of Christ stands as a vivid symbol that the life lived only unto itself is already dead, but that self-giving love, even unto death, is the course of life at its fullest and highest. What matters is not that these deaths come, but how and why we undergo them. For death is a part of life, and "he who would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it."

2. Life is a part of death, of every death and even at its seeming finality. The cross symbolizes the way of Christian faith, but the empty tomb is the symbol of Christian hope and fulfillment. God is the giver of life, and particularly of new life when we will receive it. Out of the ashes of a wasted life he can bring forth abundant living, from the depths of sorrow, love; from dark despair, hope; from loneliness, caring; from failure, wisdom; from enslavement, freedom; from weakness, power; from dying, eternal life. And how is this realized? Again, through self-giving love. "We know that we have passed out of death into life, because we love the brethren." The empty tomb is the witness to God's will that life shall become a part of every death we know, and that truly he who gives his life shall surely find it.

"Therefore, my brothers, I implore you by God's mercy to offer your very selves to him: a living sacrifice, dedicated and fit for his acceptance, the worship offered by mind and heart. Adapt yourselves no longer to the pattern of this present world, but let your minds be remade and your whole nature thus transformed. Then you will be able to discern the will of God and to know what is good, acceptable and perfect." "Then the saying of Scripture will come true: 'death is swallowed up; victory is won!'....God be praised, he gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore stand firm and immovable, and work for the Lord always, work without limit, since you know that in the Lord your labor cannot be lost."

- Robert Steiger "Owanzi"

## 50th SEASON - OG and OB CAMPS

The 1963 Older Girl and Boy Camps at Miniwanca and Merrowvista will mark the 50th consecutive season of the Christian leadership training camps. This is a wonderful record in youth training and in youth work generally.

As old-timers know, the camps were first held at Lake Geneva, Wisconsin, under the sponsorship of the International Sunday School Association, and under the Directorship of John L. Alexander "Kinji", and the other founders of the program. Sister camps were later established at Geneva Point, Lake Winnepesaukee, and Geneva Glen in Colorado.

In 1924, Kinji, Dad Waite, P. G. Orwig "Wadjepi" and Mr. William H. Danforth and other laymen most interested in this program, decided to establish the American Youth Foundation, an organization in which they could major in the Christian leadership training of youth. After considerable exploration to find the best possible location for a mid-west camp, the property for Camp Miniwanca was purchased. At approximately the same time grounds for an eastern camp were donated by the Merrow family, and named Merrowvista.

Consistently through the years the directors have carried on the program of Christian leadership training of older boys and older girls. The program has been adapted to meet the contemporary needs of the campers as time has gone by, but the basic principles and purposes of Christian Leadership Training have been strongly maintained.

At Miniwanca one of the events of the observance of the 50th season will be the dedication of a Dad Waite Class Shelter - a memorial to Dad, presented by Miss Miriam (Midge) Waite and the Richard Wall Family (Lucile Waite).

This summer we celebrate an outstanding milestone in Founder camping!

## 1963 AT MINIWANCA

As usual, all of the units at Miniwanca are bulging full for the summer. Older Girls and Boys Camps are completely registered, except for the names to come from quota sponsors. Registered OG and B campers will soon receive a letter, asking them to confirm their places. If there are cancellations, places will be opened up to those on the top of the waiting list. We have places for a few qualified Older Girl cabin leaders, and we especially ask you to cast about for good candidates for Older Boys Camp cabin leadership. You know the kind we need - a youth leader with experience, and belief in what we are doing at Miniwanca. We need leaders who believe thoroughly in Christian leadership training. We have recently sent letters to former leaders and a number of camp grads, asking if they could not possibly consider coming back to Miniwanca to serve as leaders during this 50th season of the camp. If you are in that group, and know now that you can come, please let us know about your plans as soon as possible. Cabin leaders do not pay fees. They have their room and board and tuition in the Leaders' Institute in exchange for their cabin leader services.

ATTENTION TOKATAYES AND PATAYAS! We hope many of you will be back to join the leader ranks this summer. Former Home Ec's and Ag's are also welcome to return on the staff. You Ag's and Home Ec's can have credit for your camper classes and graduate from the Leaders' Institute in one year.

## MERROWVISTA NEWS

WITH SNOW STILL FLYING IN NEW ENGLAND, it seems difficult to think about summer camps. Just a month ago I visited camp and found that it was necessary to snowshoe in for the last half mile, since there were more than two feet of snow on the ground. But already we are moving well into our program plans and registrations are piling into our office as Founder thoughts turn toward spring.

THIS YEAR ONE OF THE BIG NEWS ITEMS is the move of the Eastern office from Gardner to St. Louis. This move was effected in the middle of February, and now all of Merrowvista's activities are being directed out of the St. Louis office, where we have found it quite helpful to have the two offices consolidated.

THIS IS OUR FIFTH YEAR OF RENEWED CAMPING UNDER AMERICAN YOUTH FOUNDATION AUSPICES, and we are eager to reach our enrollment goals for all of the camps. A particular effort is being made to increase Senior Camp enrollment, and we are hoping to have 80 to 90 girls in OG, and 45 to 50 fellows in OB. The help of our former campers will be very much appreciated, since they are the ones who know the young people and can make the necessary contacts. If you know of an outstanding young man or woman who would appreciate the opportunity of camping at Merrowvista, then why not suggest that possibility to him or her. On the other hand, you may be aware of a source of financial support by which scholarships can be provided for such young people. The best thing, of course, is to find the young person, and to find financial support, and bring the two together, thus enabling yourself to be personally represented at Merrowvista this summer.

SCHOLARSHIP NEEDS ARE STILL GREAT FOR OUR SENIOR CAMPS - It is difficult for many young people to pay who find it necessary to work in order to meet college expenses, to take off two weeks for camp. It is therefore helpful if scholarship aid can be provided for these young people. Such aid is available only through the generous contributions and support of our former campers for whom their Miniwanca and Merrowvista experience has meant so much. Any scholarship contributions can be addressed to Ed Clark at the St. Louis office.

JUNE BELLI and TOM WELCH WILL AGAIN BE DIRECTING THE YOUNGER GIRLS AND YOUNGER BOYS CAMPS this summer, giving us another season of strong and experienced leadership. The leaders are being chosen for each of the camps with a large group of leaders returning from previous years in both of the camps. There is still room, however, for outstanding young people whom you may know to be considered, and we would suggest that their names be sent in immediately.

THERE IS STILL A NEED FOR LEADERS IN THE SENIOR CAMPS. There is a real opportunity for such people to render a service to youth through their leadership in the Senior Camps at Merrowvista.

AS THIS IS BEING WRITTEN, the snow still lies deep around the Merrowvista buildings, and the ice on Dan Hole Pond is more than two feet thick, yet there is much life in the woods. The squirrels, porcupines, and white-tailed deer leave their tracks as they cross the meadow. Life is abundant in these hills while all nature begins to gird itself for spring. For spring will come, and then summer, and the hills again will resound with laughter and joy, as the barn rocks with the stamping feet and ringing voices of "Way down in our Founder hearts we've got a feeling, Merrowvista, for you." Why not have your personal representative at Merrowvista this summer to enjoy the fun, and profit by the challenges.

- ED CLARK

## WO-WI-FO-FE DOLLARS ABROAD

The World Wide Founder Fellowship contributions of last summer have been invested abroad, and are being distributed by our own Founder campers in far-flung parts of the world. We wish it were possible to quote as fully as we should like to do from the wonderful letters received from these Founders who are our ambassadors in many places...A number of gifts have been made through Founders in AFRICA. From Tanganyika, East Africa, MARIE (Schafer) BENSON writes: "It was so good to have this gift so that our children all were remembered this Christmas with gifts. The Sunday before Christmas we gave out over fifty envelopes so that each child received one. In it we had prepared pictures of the Christmas story. These pictures were sent to us from Christmas cards and Sunday School materials from the States. The envelopes also contained handkerchiefs, drawstring bags, etc., also made possible by your gift. After their Sunday School program the evening of Christmas Day we gave them all candy - a rare gift." ...Through NANCY (Blake) HARVEY, Funds have again gone to a missionary school in Algeria, where Nancy formerly served on the staff. She writes: "We learned from our colleagues that much of the work they are now doing is reconstruction work,many times just distributing food to those who have none. They foresee in the work of the church there a social service among the people. We sometimes think that because a country receives its independence that its problems are solved - but they are just beginning, and there is so much to do! Wo-Wi-Fo-Fe will be helping, and I am over and over again grateful for Miniwanca, its principles, and its concern for an outreach toward others."...FAYE FELTNER, former Danny Grad, says: "I am delighted to have this expression of your interest and concern for my work in Congo. The high school students at Bolenge will profit both materially and spiritually from this gift."... In the Volta Region of Ghana in West Africa, JOANNE (Shober) DESMOND used her Wo-Wi-Fo-Fe check for a party for the children of leper patients at a nearby Leprosarium... VIRGINIA (Gray)PRUITT,who worked in Congo for some years, and whose husband is back there now, writes that she is using her Wo-Wi-Fo-Fe money as follows: "I chose to help Congo exchange students in this country - strangers, struggling, needing both financial and spiritual boosts such an unexpected gift of love brings. I have many contacts these days with these students, have them with us for holidays, work with them summers. I know their problems and their joys, and their tremendous potential for Christ and his kingdom."

Through the good offices of Dr. T. Z. KOO, our usual gift has gone to HONG KONG, to be distributed there by Dr. Koo's good friend, The Bishop of Hong Kong. He sends word that the money will be used for their Children's Meals Program...Through former leader DIXIE OEHLER, a gift has gone to SINGAPORE, and it will help purchase library books for missionary school children there... Many of you who read this column will remember OB leader JOHNSON SHING. Johnson has returned to Taipei, Taiwan,and a gift sent annually to Johnson furnishes scholarships for needy students in the only school of social work in Formosa, in which school Johnson is an instructor.

In GERMANY, Wo-Wi-Fo-Fe gifts were distributed at holiday time by three former campers - KAETHE FIEGE, BERTA VESPER, and ROBERT SCHMIDT. With the money, Christmas parcels were sent behind the Iron Curtain, and gifts were given to needy children.

Several contributions went to JAPAN. IVAN DORNON used part of the money sent to him to help a minister and his family, who live in a rural area, in a tin shack attached to their church. There is great need in the part of Japan in which Ivan serves...KEIICHI HARADA,camper who was sent to camp by Ruth Isabel Seabury, now a teacher in Japan, helps students in his school in Tokyo...MASAKO TAGO used her funds for giving presents to needy patients in her father's little hospital at Ise City, Japan...Through money sent to Rev. Matsumoto, via KEIKO MATSUMOTO, help went to a camp which Rev. Matsumoto is building in Japan.

And now we cross over into INDIA. A substantial gift went to Camp Tonakela, for their work with convalescent children and for a minor treatment center for children in the Madras area...MAXINE BURCH writing from the Punjab says: "We combined the Wo-Wi-Fo-Fe funds with other money that made it possible to give warm, wool blankets to eleven families, and forty people had Christmas dinner together. Children received packages, and that delighted their hearts."...Another Founder, ELIZABETH FAIRBANKS, who works in the Methodist Mission at Gujarat, India, writes that she spent Wo-Wi-Fo-Fe money for medicine to help several young children who had T.B. trouble, and for medicines, vitamins and additional food for needy children. The money also provided school fees for children whose parents would not otherwise have been able to send them to school...Through Grad RUTH MANLEY, a promising Indian medical student was given help.

Three contributions went to SOUTH AMERICA. In Caracas, Venezuela, MARY (Swengel) GARCIA used the money to help a child go to school. Here is her description: "I chose one seven year old boy, Carlos Julio Gonzalez, and sponsored him in school. He lives in a tiny wooden, cardboard, dirt floored shack with his mother, grandmother, and six brothers and sisters. His father has been in jail for about eight months. I gave him a thorough scrubbing, hair included, put on clean clothes, and took him to the new school. He will have lunch in school, which is a distinct advantage, since his mother's income is about $20 a month. We helped him buy school books, and necessary clothing." ... Through MARGARET (Haviland) MUIR, help was given to students in Colegio Andino, in Huancayo, PERU.

In the PHILIPPINES, HENRY MACK used the gift sent to him for teaching girls of school age to sew and make their own clothes and to furnish a leader to teach children games and songs, Bible stories...From Anatolia College, Thessaloniki, GREECE, we have word that DESPINA AMARANTIDON helped the eighteen year old son of their college gardener when he was ill and threatened with tuberculosis ...To the American School for Boys in Basrah, IRAQ, went a contribution administered through camper Rev. GEORGE GOSSELINK...How CHANDRA DISSANAYAKE of Ceylon makes her money go so far, we'll never know! She bought toys for children in two orphanages, nine complete needle-work kits for needy girls who come to her school for sewing, one needy family was given food for a week, for a number of children exercise books and pencils were bought, material was purchased for twelve to fifteen dresses for young girls who are in need of clothing...Through a contact originally made by FRANK FIELD when he was in government service in HAITI, a gift has again gone this year to Holy Trinity School in Port-au-Prince...And down in the Caribbean in another spot, LLOYD MONROE used Wo-Wi-Fo-Fe money for good causes in Aruba, Netherlands, Antilles.

All who contributed this year and in former years can feel that they are joining hands across the sea with these many friends in far away places.

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YOUR ADDRESSES - PLEASE! ... Please keep us posted of your whereabouts. We want to keep in touch with you. It now costs 8¢ for the return of every undelivered Founder Fire, and the sum amounts up when people do not notify us of changed addresses.

YOUNGER GIRLS AND BOYS CAMPS AT MINIWANCA - There is a three year waiting list in the Younger Girls Camp, and about a one year waiting list in Younger Boys Camp, depending upon the age group for which a camper is eligible. Future prospects should get names on the list. Minimum age - 11 years.

INTERNATIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS ... In the Christmas Founder Fire we announced that scholarships are available for both Miniwanca and Merrowvista for international students 16 to 21 years of age, or leaders over those ages. If you know of a candidate who is qualified and available, please send details - name, address, age, and qualifications. It is a wonderful experience for these overseas students to have Founder camping while in the States, and their presence enriches the life of the camps.

COUPLES PROGRAM . . . Again there are places open in the Couples Program which is a work-vacation experience at Miniwanca at the close of the summer. Couples work in the camp kitchen and on the grounds. During the second week they have afternoons and evenings for recreation. Dates for 1963: September 1 to 14. If interested, write for details.

CHICAGO FOUNDERS ORGANIZE... We are happy to report that Chicago Area Founders are forming an organization. Their first meeting will be at 7:30 PM on Saturday April 6th, at the Naval Reserve Armory, Lakefront and Randolph, in Chicago. They are attempting to notify all Founders in the general Chicago and near-Chicago area. Any who read this and have not received a notice are very welcome to attend. In fact they are urged to come! Purposes of the meeting will be for fellowship and for the opportunity to organize. If you live in the general area of Chicago or nearby, do try to go to the meeting, and also, please tell other camp friends about it. Further details may be obtained through the GIVENS family, 153 Burlington Road, Riverside, or VIRGINIA ESTEN, Hammond High School, Hammond, Indiana.

UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS GET-TOGETHER . . . University of Illinois campers in and around Champaign and Urbana are planning a spring get-together. For information please contact MARTY (Huxtable) HARRIS - 625½ East Green, Champaign, or Rev. JOE PEACOCK, 408 W. Iowa, Urbana.

GOALS - AN EASTER CHALLENGE ... Current campers will remember the day at Miniwanca or Merrowvista when they wrote goal letters to themselves. At this Easter time, which is a time of evaluation and rededication, we would remind all of you of your goals. We would suggest a thoughtful re-reading of what you wrote at the close of camp,with a brief period of thought of how well you have carried out your goals, and with a thought to your life purposes and life planning. An OG camper from Miniwanca writes: "Just tonight I picked up that little letter I had written to myself, and nothing has ever meant more to me. Somehow the words - misspelled and all - were filled with real meaning, and they made me stop short and realize where I was going and 'Who' was supposed to be going with me....I'm sure there are many people who like myself have found those letters to be life-savers. ...I'm now ready to walk those miles and keep those promises."

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A REQUEST - When sending checks please make them out to American Youth Foundation - not to Camp Miniwanca nor Camp Merrowvista, nor to a staff member. Another request - when you write us at our office or at camp, please put your full address inside your letters, as well as on envelopes. Often as mail is opened, envelopes are separated from letters, and addresses are lost.

NEWS OF FOUNDERS HERE AND THERE

CHARLEY BROCK stopped at the Founder office in St. Louis during the holidays. He is attending Northwestern University, and reports that he meets Founders very frequently on the campus. In November he debated against JAY SEXTON at a national tournament at the University of Chicago...BETTY POTEET, who attends Texas A & I College, was recently elected to Who's Who in American Universities and Colleges. Congratulations, Betty!...1959 OB camper and workstaffer JOHN YODER sings second tenor lead in this year's Apollo Quartet at Illinois Wesleyan University. He is a Junior in the School of Music... DOROTHY (Horine) ARNTSON recently published a college text, "Beginning College Writing." She and her husband are at Washington State University, Pullman...For the next two years, BARBARA "Sarge" (Pearson) GREIG and family will be living in Honduras. Her husband has accepted a position with the State Department as a Public Safety Advisor. They will be living in the Capital, Tegucigalpa...ELEANOR and EVERETT ARMINGTON who now live in Summerland, California, have recently sent a generous contribution, to be divided between Merrowvista and Miniwanca funds. We are everlastingly grateful to them and the others who contribute each year to the carrying on of the Founder Camps. They write that their son PAUL is doing graduate work at the University of California at Berkeley. DAVE is on Sabbatical leave this year from his job as Director of Curriculum Development at Hawken School in Cleveland. He is doing research work at Harvard and the Shady Hill School in Cambridge...

On a lovely day in late summer, the Venango County, Pa. campers had a "Miniwanca Round-Up' at the home of Miss CLARA MONROE in Pleasantville. They had a wonderful re-union, and three of the four campers who attended the first camp at Miniwanca were present for the occasion. Much interest was centered around a picture display. There were informal talks, singing of Miniwanca songs, a prayer, and the singing of "Taps." We wish we had space to give the names of all who were present! Among them were: HARRY and HELEN (Carlberg) MONROE, GLADYS (Monroe) FOGLE, CHARLOTTE(Carlberg) KAPANICK, FLORENCE (Carlberg) FLANNERY, GLADYS (Fogle) BUSH...ANNE (Pickett) MARBLESTONE is back in the mid-west and living in Elgin, Ill., where her husband is in law practice...Former St. Louis camper, CHARLES HICKMAN, Jr., is now on the faculty as an Associate Professor in the School of Sacred Music, Union Theological Seminary...NANCY(Blake) HARVEY writes: "Our plan is to leave Grenoble, (France) the end of March to finally arrive on the mission field by the end of April. We will be in Elisabethville, Congo (Katanga) where Bill will be doing the work of the missionary school inspector of our mission schools of Katanga.We'll be able to make good use of our French,but we will right away have to begin learning Swahili. I'm glad we begin a work where we have to keep studying!"

From Littleton, suburb of Denver, comes a happy holiday greeting from LEXIE (Ferrell) CRAIG. Lexie keeps busy with home, church and community activities - Brownie Troop, church choir and Sunday School Couples Club, Littleton branch of AAUW, Garden Club, and substitute teaching...Another holiday greeting brought word that Dr. ROBERT HOEHN is spending nine months in London,doing medical research. His address there: 47 Bramham Garden, Kensington, London, SW5...Following our request in the Founder Fire that used pencils be saved for us and be sent to Miniwanca for use there, BETTS (Van Liew)RIVET sent us a fine box of pencils! They came from the school where Betts teaches. Many thanks, Betts!...A holiday greeting from MARLENE and GENE ROBINSON brought a snapshot of themselves and their small son and daughter. Gene is Associate Dean of Students and Instructor in Education and Psychology at Austin College,Sherman,Tex.

MORE NEWS OF FOUNDERS ... An interesting letter recently came to DORTY from camper ESTHER REINBOLD who is with the Peace Corps in Brazil. She writes of meeting many campers in her training for Peace Corps work. Esther is A Home Economist in a program similar to the 4H program, called in Brazil 4-S program. She writes that while in training she met FRANCES WADDELL who was on the work-staff when Esther was in camp. She also met SAUNDRA CARTER. Both are presently in the program in Brazil. While training at the National 4-H Foundation Center in Washington, D. C. Esther met ADA RUSSELL, on her way to Australia as an IFYE representative. She also saw JOY SWAN, one of the Directors of the IFYE program. In the Washington area Esther also saw leaders CHARLOTTE CONWAY and VIRGINIA BROWN. Esther is working in the state of Santa Catarina in Brazil. She writes that the problems are great - poor transportation, education, and sanitation. She says the people are most friendly...Another camper who is abroad in IFYE service is SANDY FREVERT who is in Sydney, Australia. Sandy writes that Christmas was quite different "Down Under." Father Christmas she says is often seen being pulled by the native kangaroo. The children are big eyed and all smiles when Father Christmas comes down the street, says Sandy. The interest of the Australians in their state and local government happenings is very enlightening, says Sandy. They know more about their country and ours than many people in the United States, says she...From Frankfort, Kentucky, MARYBELLE (Richards) TUTTLE writes that she is Director of the Central Kentucky Girl Scout Council's Camp. She adds: "I had a wonderful experience this past summer. The JIM ORWIG's daughter Annie Lou was one of our campers, and their daughter Peggy spent a weekend with us. I can't tell you what a thrill it was to be associated with a Miniwanca family once again."...SALLY (Claggett) ARNOLD and family spent the summer months last year in Hawaii. Her husband had been studying in the Orient, and the family was re-united in Hawaii. Sally reports enjoying the super-markets with their exotic wares, and they all enjoyed swimming, surfboarding, and short trips...JOHN PERROW was chosen "Best Personality" at Augusta College in Georgia, and JEAN was a candidate for Home Coming Queen...MARGARET (Dykstra) LAUDIERI's husband is in the Army. Writes Margaret: "We are still living in Germany and recently moved to Munich. We felt rather lonesome until we found that one of our new neighbors, whose children we admire and who are particularly friendly with ours, was a member of the Boy Scout Troop in St. Louis of which Mr. Danforth was a leader! After a very nostalgic evening we felt much less lonesome!"...EDWARD HUTCHINSON, former St.Paul camper, is now attending Pacific School of Religion in Berkeley...JOANNE (Amick) COMER and family are living in the Oakland area of California and are especially enjoying trips in their travel trailer in the redwoods country...WILBUR BAUGHMAN is District Governor in his area of Rotary International...A Chinese holiday greeting was received from MARLITA (Springett) LIU who lives in Taiwan. She and her husband are teaching, and they have two children - three years and one year of age...In late summer WIB JUSTI, Director of Youth Activities of the National Grange, took the Grange Youth tour group to Europe. Wib has participated in the Grange Guatemala Project, in cooperation with the Peace Corps...BETSY (Bingham) TOWER of Anchorage, Alaska, has registered her oldest daughter for Younger Girls Camp in 1965. Betsy writes that ED CRITTENDEN, former Miniwancan and Anchorage architect, is currently spending a year studying in Helsinki, Finland...In Tallahassee, Florida, GEORGE PARKER ROWE is enjoying his studies at the University where he is doing work in the Inter-Divisional Program of Marriage and Family Living...In Kalamazoo, Michigan, PAULINE (Wynn) ALLEN originated a "Community Service Meals on Wheels" program - a unique project in which food is delivered by volunteers to elderly persons who have difficulty in obtaining such meals for themselves. Pauline has been very active in this and other community projects, and was named "Woman of the Year" in Kalamazoo recently...Dr. PETE EKERN is in Air Force Service at Great Falls, Montana, where he will be until July 1964... All honor to NANCY PATRICK, who has been instrumental in helping to establish a social club at Morehead State Teachers College in Kentucky, in which the program is a four fold program, based on ideas from Mr. Danforth's book "I Dare You," and from Nancy's Miniwanca experiences...JUDY ANGERMEYER was named Homemaker of the Year at her high school recently...JOHN FOLTZ has recently been named Advertising Manager of the National Future Farmer Magazine. John and family make their home in Alexandria, Va., and he writes that they live just down the road from Mt. Vernon, on land that was originally part of George Washington's plantation...ELIZABETH (Heideman) KAYNOR and family are moving from Florida to Peru, where Betty's husband will be doing government work...Related to South America is another news item. IRENE (Windecker) ALONSO received the Distinguished Citizenship Award at the Charter Day Convocation of Ohio Wesleyan University on March 8th. The award was made for Irene's relief work with flood refugees in Uruguay. Fifteen years ago Irene went to South America with her Spanish-born husband. She has been active in Montevideo in social, religious and civic affairs during her residence there. In 1959 Irene was named to the board of the National Commission for Flood Victims under Uruguay's department of public health. The project she developed is the growing and use of soybeans for food. This is proving a wonderful boon to the flood sufferers and others in need in Uruguay...At Wisconsin State College, Oshkosh, DAPHNE MICHAELIDES is Assistant Dean of Women...JEAN WALDBRIDGE of Texas Christian University has been active in the Presbyterian Student Association and has used many of the ideas she learned at Miniwanca...JEAN SMITH, whom HORACE visited last spring in Jamaica, has now been assigned with the State Dep't in Jerusalem.

FOUNDER BIRTHS . . . Phoebe Ann to Mr. and Mrs. PARKER ROWE - 1/8/63; Bartlett David to Mr. and Mrs. WILLIAM D. GUNTER - 1/30/63; Susan Kerstetter to Mr. and Mrs. John Schueltz (MOLLY KERSTETTER) - 2/6/63.

FOUNDER MARRIAGES . . . SHARON WHITESITT to Ronald S. Hutchinson 10/24/62; CLARA MORRISON to James D.Beszborn 11/24/62; JULIA ANN MARSALEK to Robert Oscar Dawson 11/24/62; Judith Ann Poirot to WILLIAM C. MULVIHILL 12/22/62; HELEN HEIGOLD to Earl G. Herminghaus 12/26/62; EVA JO EMBREE to FRANK WU 12/27/62; ROBERTA EARL to John J. Wilkinson 12/29/62; BARBARA STROUD to J.David Borth 12/29/62; KATHERINE ROSENBAUM to William E. McGee 1/27/63; CAROL BRIDWELL (Student Nurse) to David L. Jeffries 3/2/63.

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## A  C H R I S T I A N  H O P E

Somebody lived a beautiful life,
and labored and loved and taught it.
Somebody died on a blood-dripping cross,
and the Father Eternal caught it.

Somebody started to tell it abroad
and, little by little, some got it.
Some day, the world will believe it. And then, -
they will love the Eternal who thought it!

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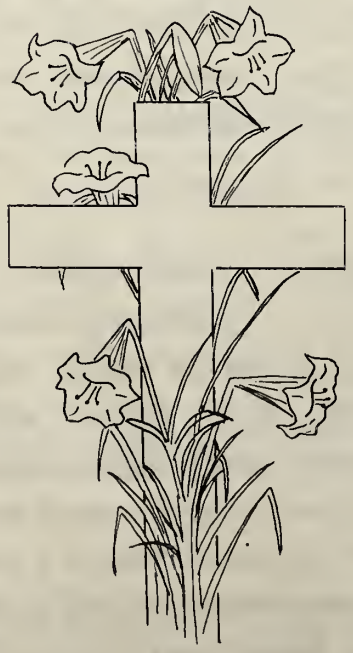

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A song of sunshine through the rain,
Of spring across the snow;
A balm to heal the hurts of pain,
A peace surpassing woe.

Lift up your heads, ye sorrowing ones,
And be ye glad of heart,
For Calvary and Easter Day
Were just three days apart!

With shudder of despair and loss
The world's deep heart is wrung,
As lifted high upon his cross,
The Lord of Glory hung --

When rocks were rent, and ghostly forms
Stole forth in street and mart;
But Calvary and Easter Day,
Earth's blackest day, and whitest day,
Were just three days apart!

(Note: Poem found among Kinji's clippings.)
Author unknown

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## TREASURE HUNT - SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Again we thank those of you who have responded to our Christmas appeal for contributions to our Treasure Hunt-Scholarship Fund. A number of graduates annually send full scholarships, in gratitude for their own camping experiences. Several send half scholarships. Some write that they themselves could not have had Founder camping if someone had not made it possible through this Fund. Any amount is welcome, and will help some promising young leader have the benefit of training at one of the Founder Camps.

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## G E O R G E  M I C H A E L I D E S

On January 5th, after nearly two months of serious illness, Dr. George Michaelides peacefully slipped away. "Dr. George" as we affectionately called him at Miniwanca, has been on the faculty since 1951. His course, "In the Steps of St. Paul," in which he shared his rich background of knowledge of Greece and the Near East, and other courses, will never be forgotten by those fortunate enough to have been students in his classes.

Before he became ill, Dr. George wrote the annual family Christmas message. We are happy to share part of that message with all who knew and loved Dr. George at Miniwanca.

"At Christmas matins the Greek Orthodox Church sings:

'O God of peace and Father of mercies,
Thou hast sent the Messenger of Thy Great Will
To bring us peace.....'

He brought us peace then; He left us His peace when He parted from His disciples. Yet we still live in a world of tension, conflict and fear. May we, who call ourselves His followers, express our loyalty and devotion to the Babe of Bethlehem by seeking peace through an outpouring of love in His name."

We have been blessed to know Dr. George as friend, teacher, and co-worker, and to claim him in our Founder Fellowship. His example commends to us that the labor and loves of our lives be committed to the highest that we know in Jesus Christ.

If you have a new address or a new name, please fill out and return this slip promptly to THE AMERICAN YOUTH FOUNDATION, 3930 Lindell Boulevard, St. Louis 8, Missouri.

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## MINIWANCA CAMP DATES 1963

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| YOUNGER BOYS | JUNE 19 | - | JULY 24 |
| YOUNGER GIRLS | JUNE 20 | - | JULY 25 |
| OLDER GIRLS | JULY 29 | - | AUG. 11 |
| OLDER BOYS | AUG. 12 | - | AUG. 25 |

## MERROWVISTA CAMP DATES 1963

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| OLDER GIRLS | JUNE 23 | - | JULY 7 |
| YOUNGER GIRLS | JULY 14 | - | AUG. 10 |
| YOUNGER BOYS | JULY 31 | - | AUG. 28 |
| OLDER BOYS | AUG. 11 | - | AUG. 25 |

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